

REMARKS

Claims 7-15 and 24-35 are pending in the present application. Claims 7 and 25 have been amended. Claims 32-35 have been presented herewith.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully notes that an Information Disclosure Statement has been filed concurrently herewith. **The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement, and to confirm that the document submitted therewith has been considered and will be cited of record.**

Conclusion

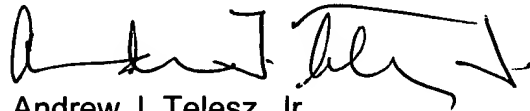
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew J. Telesz, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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